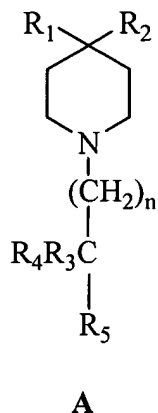


In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, ~~heteroaryl~~, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl, or heteroaryl;

R₂ represents RO-alkyl, (R)₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, ~~RO-cycloalkyl~~, (R)₂N-cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, ~~cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl~~, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, ~~cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl~~, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents substituted phenyl ~~or heteroaryl~~ group;

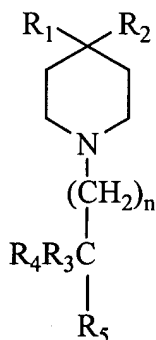
R₃ and R₄ may be connected through a covalent bond;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

Claims 2-91 (canceled)

92. (currently amended) A compound represented by A:



A

wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, ~~heteroaryl~~, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted phenyl;

R₂ represents RO-alkyl, (R)₂N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, ~~RO-cycloalkyl~~, (R)₂N-cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, ~~cycloalkyl~~, aryl, ~~heteroaryl~~, aralkyl, ~~heteroaralkyl~~, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, ~~cycloalkyl~~, aryl, ~~heteroaryl~~, aralkyl, ~~heteroaralkyl~~, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents an optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl or heteroaryl group;

R₃ and R₄ may be connected through a covalent bond;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.